

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 94-598-S - ORDER NO. 95-1501 ✓
SEPTEMBER 7, 1995

IN RE: United Utility Companies, Inc.,)	ORDER
)	GRANTING
Complainant,)	REQUEST
)	OF UNITED
vs.)	UTILITY
)	COMPANIES, INC.
Stan Brown, Shoals Subdivision,)	
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Respondent.)	
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This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the August 28, 1995 letter of Rick Bryan, Area Manager for United Utility Companies, Inc. (United or the Company). In that letter, Bryan requests permission to disconnect sewer service for delinquent accounts in the Shoals Subdivision. As Bryan correctly states, on September 6, 1994, a Commission Emergency Order was issued restraining United from performing any disconnection of sewer service anywhere in the Shoals Subdivision. The full Commission subsequently ratified the September 6, 1994 Order on September 14, 1994. The dispute centers on a dispute between the Company and Stan Brown over whether or not tap fees were paid on 26 lots in the Shoals Subdivision, or are owed. The Company states that it has tried to unsuccessfully resolve the dispute over the past year. Bryan

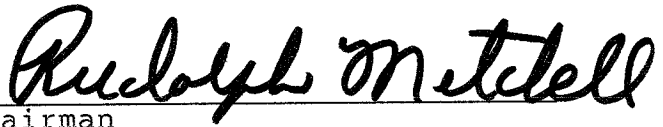
states that the remaining 92 lots in the subdivision are not involved in the dispute, even though the Restraining Order restrains the Company from performing any disconnection of sewer service.

Bryan states that United has followed the Commission's procedures in an effort to collect on delinquent accounts in the subdivision but has stopped once disconnection was the next action to be taken. The Company states that, due to the length of time the Order has been in effect, the list of delinquent accounts in the Shoals Subdivision has increased to 17. According to Bryan's letter, some of the accounts have not been paid since the original Order was issued. Bryan states that the longer United allows the accounts to remain delinquent, the more difficult it will be for customers to pay their outstanding balances. United then requests that the 92 lots not involved in the dispute be removed from the Restraining Order, and that United be allowed to disconnect, if so warranted.

The Commission has examined this matter, and agrees with the Company that the 92 lots not involved in the tap fee dispute should be removed from the Restraining Order, and that the Commission's disconnection procedures once again be applied, if so warranted. However, the Commission continues the Restraining Order on those lots on which tap fees are still disputed.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until
further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

(SEAL)